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Sarpy/Cass County Health Department Reports Four New Cases of COVID-19

Total case count at eight in jurisdiction

PAPILLION – Four new cases of COVID-19, the novel coronavirus, have been confirmed in Health Department's jurisdiction, bringing the total number of cases in the Department's jurisdiction to eight. Three of the individuals are Sarpy County residents and one resides in Cass County.

Contact investigations are underway and the Sarpy/Cass Health Department with assistance from DHHS is rapidly assessing potential exposures to determine next steps.

All identified close contacts will self-quarantine and be actively monitored twice daily by public health officials for fever and respiratory symptoms.

The Health Department wants to remind residents of the steps they can take to reduce the spread of COVID-19 and other respiratory illnesses.

- Avoid close contact with people who are sick and if you are ill stay home.
- Put distance between yourself and other around 6 feet.
- Wash hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds.
- Avoid touching your mouth, nose, or eyes.
- Cover your nose and mouth with a tissue when you cough or sneeze then throw the tissue in the trash.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touch surfaces.

Public health partners across the state continue to take action to protect the health of Nebraskans. The Sarpy/Cass Health Department will continue to update our community as new information becomes available.

For more information about COVID-19 please visit <u>www.sarpycasshealthdepartment.org</u> or <u>http://dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus</u> or call 211.

Current Case Count

Sarpy: 6 Cass: 2